

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Entry of the above amendments is requested. With entry of these amendments, Claims 25-32 are presently in this application. Claim 25 has been amended. Claims 1-24 were canceled by applicants' Application and Fee Transmittal of June 25, 2003, which cancellation is reflected in the Filing Receipt for this application.

Claim 25 has been amended to expedite prosecution of claims drawn to certain preferred embodiments of applicants' invention. The claims have not been amended for reasons related to patentability. Indeed, no claim of this application has been rejected. Support for amended claim 25 is found in the application as filed at page 14, lines 19-25 and elsewhere. No new matter has been added.

The restriction requirement and species election requirement are believed to be obviated by applicants' prior cancellation of claims 1-24. Remaining claims 25-32 are all within the Office's Group IX and recite the tissue kidney. Nonetheless, to ensure completeness of this response, applicants hereby elect Group IX and the species kidney.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 442-6673.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Amendment Fee Transmittal (in duplicate)
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